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1.-24. (Cancelled)

25. (Currently Amended) A highly corrosion resistant high strength stainless seamless steel pipe for linepipe having a composition comprising: 0.001 to 0.015% C, 0.01 to 0.5% Si, 0.1 to 1.8% Mn, 0.03% or less P, 0.005% or less S, 15 to 18% Cr, 0.5% or more and less than 5.5% Ni, 0.5 to 3.5% Mo, 0.02 to 0.2% V, 0.001 to 0.015% N, and 0.006% or less O, by mass, to satisfy the formulae (1), (2), and (3), and optionally further comprising by mass:

0.002 to 0.05% Al,

3.5% or less Cu,

at least one element selected from the group consisting of 0.2% or less Nb, 0.3% or less Ti, 0.2% or less Zr, 0.01% or less B, and 3.0% or less W; and/or 0.01% or less Ca;

and balance of Fe and impurities:

$$\text{Cr} + 0.65\text{Ni} + 0.6\text{Mo} + 0.55\text{Cu} - 20\text{C} \geq 18.5 \quad (1)$$

$$\text{Cr} + \text{Mo} + 0.3\text{Si} - 43.5\text{C} - 0.4\text{Mn} - \text{Ni} - 0.3\text{Cu} - 9\text{N} \geq 11.5 \quad (2)$$

$$\text{C} + \text{N} \leq 0.025 \quad (3)$$

where C, Ni, Mo, Cr, Si, Mn, Cu, and N signify the content of the respective elements, and a microstructure comprising residual austenite phase that is present, but in an amount that is about 40% or less, about 10 to about 60% ferrite phase, and about 25% or more martensite phase, by volume, with the martensite phase as a base phase.

26. (Cancelled)

27. (Previously Presented) The high strength stainless seamless steel pipe according to claim 25, wherein the content of Ni is about 1.5 to about 5.0% by mass.

28. (Previously Presented) The high strength stainless seamless steel pipe according to claim 25, wherein the content of Mo is about 1.0 to about 3.5% by mass.